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This paper is being filed further to the April 12, 2004 telephonic interview between Examiner Hendricks and Angela Collison, for which Examiner Hendricks is thanked for the many courtesies extended therein.

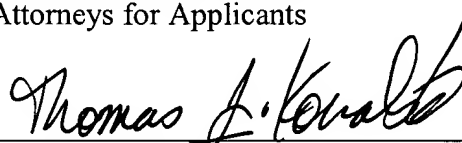
Claims 70-79 are pending; claims 44-69 have been cancelled, and claims 70-79 have been added, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents. No new matter is added.

It is submitted that the claims, as originally presented and as herein presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 USC 112. The new claims, as presented herein, are not submitted for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 USC sections 101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these new claims are submitted simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Applicants verily believe that the new claims place the application in better condition for examination and allowance. Accordingly, an early and favorable examination on the merits, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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